

**RICHARDSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Caverzagie at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. Roll call was answered by Karas, Sickel and Caverzagie. The Invocation was given by Chairman Caverzagie and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairman Sickel. Chairman Caverzagie announced that the open meeting laws have been posted at the entrance to the meeting room.

A motion was made by Karas to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sickel to approve the Board of Equalization minutes of the August 21, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the agenda with a change in the time for the appointment with Mona and Ted Godemann which will be at 10:45 a.m. and to approve the remaining agenda as posted. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The agenda is posted at the Richardson County Courthouse in the First Floor Lobby, the Lower-Level Lobby and on the Commissioner's Meeting Room door on the 2nd Floor and on the Richardson County website www.richardsoncountyne.gov.

ROAD & BRIDGE DEPT.

Highway Superintendent, Steve Darveau, Jr. updated the Board on the routine road and bridge maintenance being done this week.

Additional quotes were sought regarding the need for repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area at Falls City. Two additional quotes were sought with those local contractors not being able to provide a quote at this time, Campbell Construction, LLC and Schawang Masonry, LLC. A quote that was received from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. and presented at last week's meeting was considered. Motion was made by Sickel to approve the quote from Midwest Infrastructure, Inc. to make repairs and improvements to the bridge that leads into the County Shop area for a price of \$49,385.35 and to consider a contract for the project at a later meeting. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Sheriff Hardesty updated the Board on the routine business within the Law Enforcement Center the past week. It was reported that there are 9 inmates currently being held in the Jail. It was also reported that a patrol unit was damaged from hitting a deer this past week and plans are being made to get the repairs done as soon as possible.

DOUG SAILORS

Doug Sailors requested to meet with the Board regarding the sale of the county owned parcel of real estate located in S14, T3, R16 which is the site of the communications tower the County has used but has now deemed to be surplus. This parcel has been advertised for sale and will be offered for sale at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11.

BRIAN KIRKENDALL, EMA DIRECTOR

Brian Kirkendall, EMA Director met with the Board to review the County Board proposed budget for EMA for FY24-25. He relayed to the Board that he was disappointed with the elimination of funding for a staff person in the proposed budget he received back from the Board. Funding for the Richardson County Emergency Management Agency is provided from funding received annually from Nebraska Public Power District--Cooper Nuclear Station and Emergency Management Program Grant funds through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency with the remaining expenses from property tax requirement.

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MONA AND TED GODEMANN

Ted and Mona Godemann requested that the Board consider having Mona’s workplace tested for mycotoxins. During the discussion it was determined that an executive session was necessary.

Motion was made by Sickel to recess the regular meeting agenda and go into an executive session for the protection of needless injury to an individual(s) at 10:49 a.m. with Mona and Ted Godemann; County Attorney, Samantha Scheitel; and Clerk Eickhoff. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Karas to close the executive session at 11:00 a.m. and return to the reglu meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve the request for testing the workplace of Mona Godemann which is considered to be the office of the Veterans Service Office. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Board continued the review of the FY 2024-2025 budget requests of the departments and the proposed budget of the County Board.

The Public Budget Hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in Room 202 of the Courthouse, Falls City.

The hearing to set the tax levy different than the prior year has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in Room 202 of the Courthouse in Falls City.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

Annual Inventory Reports

Pursuant to NE Revised State Statute 23-347 the Board reviewed and approved the annual inventory reports filed by the following departments: County Board members, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioner, Clerk of District Court, County Treasurer, County Judge, County Sheriff, County Assessor, County Attorney, County Surveyor, Emergency Management Agency, Noxious Weed Dept., Road and Bridge Department, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Educator, Probation Office and Courthouse Maintenance. An inventory report of the County Owned Real Estate was also reviewed and approved.

Agreement with Region V EPC

Motion was made by Caverzagie to approve an agreement with Region V for Emergency Protective Custody services for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Karas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Sickel to allow the payment of all claims that were submitted today. Motion seconded by Caverzagie. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried.

(The claims listed below are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.)

GENERAL FUND

Richardson County EMA Petty Cash, reimb	9.68
Richardson, Kristy, reimb	299.49
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$309.17

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CLAIMS (Cont.)

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

BuckIT, serv	2113.00
East Richardson Rural Water District #2, serv	46.00
Martin Marietta Materials, rock	11530.48
NMC, supp	13950.00
NPPD, serv	42.11
Norris Quarries, rock	4266.42
Operation & Expense Account, reimb	59.94
OPPD, serv	99.27
Rulo, Village of, serv	25.00
Truck Center Companies, supp	806.42
TOTAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$32,938.64

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karas to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion seconded by Sickel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Karas-aye, Sickel-aye, Caverzagie-aye. Motion carried. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for the regular weekly meeting in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Courthouse, Falls City. The agenda is kept current at the County Clerk’s Office.

John Caverzagie, Chairman

Mary L. Eickhoff, County Clerk